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Country - German Democratic Republic/USSR

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Subject - Capacity of Brass Mill

Place Acquired ---

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1. The Hirsch Kupfer-und Messingwerke (copper and brass works) operated what in the early nineteen-thirties was the largest and most advanced brass mill in the world in Eberswalde, Brandenburg.
2. Actual monthly production in 1932 and early 1933 was as follows:

Brass sheets	700 tons
Ammunition brass (for rifle cartridges and artillery cases)	1000 tons
Tubes (large variety of sizes)	700 tons
Brass bars and rods	<u>1,000 tons</u>
	Total 3,400 tons

3. No estimate of production capacity was made in the years before Hitler's rise to power, and it must be remembered that the large variety of semi-finished products reduced the tonnage of brass which was processed at Eberswalde. [redacted] the monthly capacity in 1933 was well in excess of 4,000 tons, even allowing for a great variety of products.

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4. Under the Nazi regime, the Eberswalde brass mill was further expanded. During World War II, production was standardized with a strong emphasis upon thicker brass. [redacted] production was nearly doubled during that period and therefore much greater than the estimated capacity of 4,000 tons in 1933. 25X1

5. The Eberswalde mill was completely dismantled by the Soviets in 1945, and the entire installation (including buildings) were moved [redacted] Former workers at the mill are currently employed elsewhere in the German Democratic Republic, and [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the Eberswalde brass mill was never re-assembled in the USSR. [redacted]

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